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Title: **INTERLOCKING SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING** )  
**SIMULTANEOUS OPENING OF DRAWERS OF** )  
**A CABINET** )  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.